

## **BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

### **Present:**

Dan Sandberg, Melissa Spielman, Kimberly Hess, Rebecca Nyberg, Michael Panosh, Cullen Peltier, Juliana Ruenzel, Joshua Falk, Tracy Flucke, Andy Sell

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

### **II. Approve Minutes**

Motion was made by Ruenzel and seconded by Peltier to accept the minutes of the April 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

### **III. I-41 Construction Update**

### **IV. STH 29 Construction Update**

Falk gave update on I-41 and STH 29 construction.

### **V. Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force Update**

### **VI. BOTS Updates**

Panosh stated that the Speed Task Force is modeled after the OWI Task Force, with emphasis on the summer months, and is going well. He reported that there have been 660 OWI arrests and 3,700 citations since the OWI Task Force started in 2011 and that this doesn't happen without the OWI Task Force. The news media took to the 70 MPH speed limit change, but it is not an issue for law enforcement—the interstates are the safest roads. There have been 260 fatalities in Wisconsin so far this year compared to 222 at the same time last year, which was the lowest since WWII. The average is 256.

### **VII. Second Quarter Traffic Fatalities**

There were four fatalities in the second quarter—two in the city of Green Bay, one in the town of New Denmark and one in the village of Bellevue. There have been eight fatalities so far this year. Three of the eight were alcohol-related.

### **VIII. Citizen Appearances**

None

### **IX. Other Business as Allowed by Law**

Nyberg noted that free overnight parking downtown is being suggested for bar patrons who have had too much to drink. Spielman will work on setting up links on the BCSO website for the TSC and other agencies involved on the TSC as an educational resource for the public. Peltier commented that the Kenny Chesney concert was taxing on staff. Sell reported that there have been three highway

worker fatalities in the region in the last three months. Hess reported that car seat checks are booked to October. On August 6, Prevea will be offering car seat checks. There have been 200 car seat checks for parents this year, which is 50 more than last year. Getting out reminder to the public about heat stroke deaths. Working with Green Bay schools on traffic/bike education. Flucke reported that a bicycle/pedestrian class will be held in Menasha on July 28-29. Ruenzel suggested sending a copy of the TSC minutes to the sheriff to share with the Public Safety Committee to make them aware of what the TSC does.

There was discussion about changing the time of future TSC meetings to 1:00 p.m. or possibly moving them to Wednesdays. Members will check their calendars to see what works for them.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Dan Sandberg #210, BRSO  
Brown County Traffic Safety Commission